

To His Excellency

His Excellency C. J. Arthur Esq.  
of U. D. L. & its dependencies -

The Pet. of the Landholders & others  
of the District of Great Swan Port

Sheweth,

EX.

Exc. Excell. E

That they earnestly Petition

Y<sup>r</sup> Excellency to cause a Survey to be  
made of a proper line of Road, from  
the northernmost part of the District  
to the anchorage, at Waterloo Point.

From thence, to the Port Town And  
to represent to Y<sup>r</sup> Excellency that  
this measure, has now become  
extremely necessary owing to the  
increased number of Inhabitants, &  
the thriving state of the District - &  
more especially in consequence of the  
remote distance they are from H<sup>l</sup>.  
As also the extreme inconvenience  
every individ. experiences from the  
present bad state of the Road which  
indeed, is almost impassable, &  
having as it were, no other alternative  
to them, than that of forwarding  
part of their produce to Town  
thru the medium of the small  
Crafts which occasionally arrive  
at Waterloo Point - as well other  
produce such as fat Cattle &c



is rendered completely impossible  
from <sup>to be</sup> being conveyed to the Market  
And further to observe to yr  
Ex. that ~~owing to the present~~ <sup>from the</sup> ~~state of the Coast,~~ <sup>W<sup>2</sup></sup> ~~any individual~~  
suffer the greatest inconvenience  
in ~~and~~ regularly the communications  
forwarded by the boat, owing  
to the messenger being frequently  
detained, for 3 or 4 days in the  
winter months - And in consequence  
of the ~~unbearable~~ <sup>also</sup> state of the Coast  
W<sup>2</sup> <sup>is at</sup> further by <sup>as the</sup> ~~state,~~ that the  
Coast in its present condition  
renders it impossible for  
persons advanced in yr. <sup>are unable</sup> to  
undertake a journey to Town  
without its being attended with  
the greatest danger & <sup>even risk of life</sup> ~~even~~  
~~the loss of their lives.~~ And  
we assure yr. Ex. that the object  
of this petition is so necessary  
that the distance between W. Point  
& Spring Bay may be shortened  
nearly 12 miles; so as the  
proper ~~distance~~ direction  
can be down & rendered passable



The distance from Spring Bay  
to the Coal River Bridge, might  
also be shortened very materially

Under these Existing

Circumstances, we have been  
induced to address yr. Ex. <sup>in</sup> ~~with~~  
~~order~~ that a <sup>new</sup> line of Road may  
be marked out & thro' their  
assistance of Govt rendered  
passable.

Should yr. Ex. be pleased  
to accede to this our Petition we  
sincerely hope, that measures  
may be immediately adopted  
with a view to remove the  
great inconvenience, as well as  
expense which must attend the  
Letters in clearing land & fuel  
those parts thro' which the new line  
of Road may run & which in that  
case would be lost. In concl<sup>n</sup>  
we beg to observe to yr. Ex. that  
inconsideration of the length of  
Road & the labour which it  
will necessarily require, in an  
new Road being cut that we  
feel ourselves unable to afford



that assistance which might  
be expected from us; I can  
trust that the Govt. will consider  
on this side while we be  
conscious by Mr. San that every  
means on our part will  
be most cheerfully given  
to effect this desirable object.

<sup>which</sup>  
we by distribution ought to pass for the St.

\* where our opinion would take place where the direct  
of the new line of Road to pass for the Arch<sup>d</sup>.

\* From Capt Maclean the Road would go either across the  
Mouth of Prosper's River by means of a Point. or  
along the ~~old~~ present path thro' Paradise, unless  
a Road might be found to the Westward avoiding  
the River altogether which your Petitioners  
have every reason to believe might be accomplished  
by holding out the indulgence of a Ticket of leave  
to any prisoner pointing it out.

W.  
That ~~the~~ Cpt. McClellan & M. Cotton be requested to  
present the Petition to H. C. & urge the necessity  
of carrying the cause into